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Statement of Representative Hilda L. Solis on the release of the NAS report

WASHINGTON, D.C.-More than two years ago, efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a primary drinking water standard to protect public health from perchlorate were halted by Department of Defense lobbying efforts. As a result, the National Academy of Sciences was commissioned to do a report on the impact of perchlorate on public health. The National Academy of Sciences released this long awaited report today.

“Today, the National Academy of Sciences released its long awaited reported on the impact of perchlorate on public health. Californians know this impact all too well. Perchlorate impacts public health, risks water supplies, and increases consumer costs. It is well past time for the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an enforceable standard for perchlorate – a standard which protects public health. Congress should not succumb to the lobbying efforts of the Department of Defense, but should instead defend the public health of our communities,” said Congresswoman Solis.

Congresswoman Solis, Ranking Member of the Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, introduced the Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2005 (H.R. 213). This legislation will require the Environmental Protection Agency to finalize a national primary standard for drinking water for perchlorate by July 31, 2007. Solis was joined in introduction by Energy and Commerce Ranking Democratic Member John Dingell (MI-15), and Energy and Commerce Committee Members Lois Capps (CA-23) and Bart Stupak (MI-01).

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